



District 1 News

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I am thrilled that we've completed another successful year. Now after two and a half years, District 1 and the City of Atlanta continue to make progress despite the challenges we are faced with. This newsletter will give you an update on the important issues at City Hall and the progress that has been made on behalf of District 1. The road has been tough and many of the decisions have been hard at times. However, I know that the decisions made today will allow for a better Atlanta tomorrow. City Hall is a different place today, changes have been made and will continue to be made that will create a more efficient city government that will provide the level of services you deserve. I am so pleased that you have allowed me to be part the team!

Inside you will find information about who's who in Public Safety; information on sanitation and the public works department; and what you can do to keep your water sewer bills reasonable, and a host of other conservation information that will help you and the city.

Let me share a little with you about my staff. I am the luckiest person to have such a great, talented and hardworking staff, and they are all residents of District 1. Here is a little bit about what they do. It is impossible to share everything they do for it would be its own newsletter. But here is a sampling. Brenda Hampton handles your constituent services; i.e., sanitation issues, permits, code enforcement, etc. Brenda has been around City Hall



for many years and can just about get anything done. So if you don't know who to call or you are having problems with any city service, call Brenda.

Deborah Minor manages my schedule and is my administrative person. She is great with human services and can help you navigate Fulton County services, she also has a big heart for our senior citizens. Sheryl Bennett works with me; assisting me legislatively and is my coordinator. She is responsible for communications in the office and in the field. Sheryl also oversees office operations.

If you need anything specific or want to discuss an issue or would like to share an idea or any thoughts, please do not hesitate to call me or my staff. The number at the office is 404-330-6039 or you may call me at home 404-627-8313.



NASCAR Driver Bill Lester and Councilmember Smith at NFL/Y.E.T unveil the General Mills endorsement.



District One Leadership 2003-2004



Jermaine Dupree, recording artist Monica and Councilmember Smith at Nickelodeon's Slime Contest

Public Safety in District 1

Zone 3 - Welcome Major Ernest Finley. Major Ernest N. Finley Jr. was appointed Commander of the Zone 3 Precinct August 7, 2003. He had been away for 2 years serving as Narcotics Commander for APD. It was hard to tell who was the most excited, neighborhood leaders, Councilmember Smith or the Police Officers of Zone 3 themselves. One thing is certain, he received a very warm welcome.

Major Finley began his career with the Atlanta Police Department on March 20, 1986, after serving 4 years in the US Army, and one year with the US Postal Service. Major Finley has served in various positions since he began his career -- from a patrolman, Sergeant of Sex Crimes to the Narcotics Unit.

In September 1998 Major Finley was promoted to Lieutenant and was transferred to Zone 3 where he served as both the Evening and Day Commander for three years. Major Finley directed and coordinated sector sergeants to address problems within Zone 3 communities.

Major Finley was later transferred to

the Narcotics Unit and was the Narcotics Commander for 2 years before being appointed to the position of Major and returning to Zone 3.

To the residents of Zone 3 Major Finley stated, "The men and women working in Zone 3 are committed to fight crime in every neighborhood and improve the quality of life for all of our residents and visitors. Our commitment requires a partnership between the police, neighborhood organizations, businesses and elected officials to form a strong bond that is both flexible and relentless in pursuing our common goals of crime prevention, crime fighting and making Atlanta a safer city. Zone 3 embraces the use of technology to quickly and accurately track crime, thereby enabling police supervisors and beat officers to evaluate crime patterns daily and to identify hot spot areas in order to properly deploy police resources. As the Commander of Zone 3, I personally invite everyone to participate in making Zone 3 the best place to live, work and play in the City of Atlanta. Please join us and through teamwork and mutual coop-



Major Ernest Finley
Commander, Zone 3

eration we can achieve the extraordinary."

We in District 1 appreciate the hard work the men & women of Zone 3 do and wholeheartedly support your efforts of crime prevention. Thank you Major Finley for providing the residents of District 1 positive leadership.

Major Carlos Banda: The Rock at Zone 6

He Works! Don't fix Him!



Major Carlos Banda
Commander, Zone 6

Major Carlos Banda has served the citizens of Atlanta since 1973. He was appointed to the position of Major in 1993 and has been the Zone Commander of Zone Six since 1995. Since 1995, Part One Crime has decreased in Zone Six from 8,508 to 5,447 which is a decrease of -35.98%. It is his belief that the decrease in crime has occurred through the strong partnership between the communities of Zone Six and its police officers.

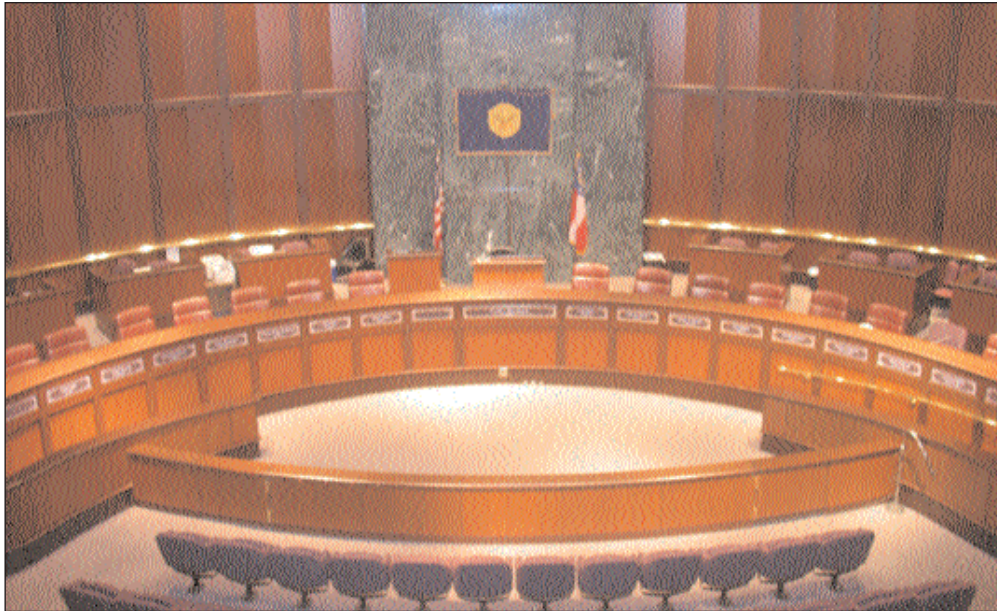
Zone Six is unique. It is a geographical area that lies within both Fulton and Dekalb Counties. Throughout the 13-square mile area of Zone Six, you will find a collage of ethnic, racial and socio-economic neighborhoods that enjoy seasonal festivals and celebrations, mouth watering restaurants, lively night-

clubs and trendy shopping establishments that give the area a prime reputation to live, work or visit.

Zone Six enjoys a strong and productive working relationship with our Neighborhood Planning Units and other various citizen groups in our joint effort to organize efficient and consistently proactive crime fighting programs and initiatives within our neighborhoods.



Legislatively Speaking...



Listed below are pieces of legislation sponsored by Atlanta City Councilmember Carla Smith:

02-O-1891 An Ordinance by Councilmember Carla Smith to amend Appendix E, Atlanta Housing Code, Article II, Section 25 so as to prohibit the repair or servicing of a motor vehicle on private property, to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. ADOPTED ON CONSENT BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 13 YEAS; 0 NAYS

02-O-1297 An Ordinance by Councilmember Carla Smith as Substituted by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to amend Section 150-97 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances so as to prohibit a truck or bus from idling for more than fifteen (15) minutes on any street or public place; and for other purposes. ADOPTED SUBSTITUTE ON CONSENT BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 13 YEAS; 0 NAYS

03-O-0400 An Ordinance by Councilmembers Carla Smith, Howard Shook, Natalyn Archibong, H. Lamar Willis, Ceasar Mitchell, Ivory Lee Young, Jr., Felicia A. Moore, Mary Norwood, Clair Muller, C. T. Martin, Jim Maddox, Clea Winslow, Debi Starnes and Ann Fauver to place interim controls on the permitting of Solid Waste Handling Facilities for a period not to exceed six months to allow time

for a Task Force to complete a study and make recommendations on the definition, design and location of such facilities; to allow for the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to implement the findings of the Task Force; if appropriate; and for other purposes. ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 12 YEAS; 1 NAY

03-O-0664 An Ordinance by Councilmembers Natalyn Mosby Archibong and Carla Smith to exchange certain areas of existing public right-of-way and accept the dedication of replacement right-of-way to allow the relocation of Glenwood-Wylie Connector, SE, at the intersection of Glenwood Avenue (Land Lots 12 and 21 of the 14th District of Fulton County) necessitated by the realignment of said roadway for intersection improvements; to aid the Green Street development; and for other purposes. ADOPTED ON CONSENT BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 12 YEAS; 0 NAYS

03-O-1840 An Ordinance by Councilmembers Debi Starnes, Natalyn Archibong and Carla Smith as Substituted by Community Development/Human Resources Committee creating the Eastside Redevelopment Area and Tax Allocation District Number Five-Eastside.

ADOPTED SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 11 YEAS; 3 NAYS

04-O-0782 An Ordinance by Councilmember Carla Smith authorizing the Mayor to anticipate and appropriate a Computer Recycling Grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Dell Computer Corporation intended for a one-day Computer Recycling Event; and for other purposes. ADOPTED SUBSTITUTE BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 12 YEAS; 0 NAYS

04-O-1101 An Ordinance by Councilmembers Felicia A. Moore, C.T. Martin, Jim Maddox, H. Lamar Willis, Ivory L. Young, Jr., Ceasar C. Mitchell, Vernell Mosley, Natalyn Archibong, Clea Winslow, Anne Fauver, Clair Muller, Howard Shook, Carla Smith and Mary Norwood as Substituted by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee amending the Atlanta City Code Chapter 98, Article I by adding a new Section 98-3 authorizing the establishment and implementation of a "Mattie's Call" within the City of Atlanta; and for other purposes. ADOPTED SUBSTITUTE ON CONSENT BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 13 YEAS; 0 NAYS

City of Atlanta Solid Waste Takes A New Direction

"Good Morning, Solid Waste Services. How may I help you?"

"My yard trimmings have been out for over six weeks. I need them picked up immediately!"

"I apologize for the inconvenience. Please, let me take your information....."

Within the past year this has become an all too familiar scenario for Atlanta property owners. One, which the current Administration readily acknowledges and is committed to correcting. Facing a \$15 million dollar budget deficit in the Enterprise Fund and the challenge of continuing to deliver quality services with limited resources, Mayor Shirley Franklin recruited new Solid Waste Services Deputy Commissioner Donna Owens.

Mayor Franklin regards Ms. Owens as being "key in accomplishing the overhaul of our solid waste program." Her appointment this past year as Deputy Commissioner for Solid Waste Services comes under the leadership of an also newly appointed Public Works Commissioner, David E. Scott, P.E.

Both are committed working to re-establish a business-like approach to management through improved business practices, design, and organizational changes.

The 2004 Budget Proposal for Solid Waste Services reflects a new organizational structure comprised of Operations and Administration Sections. Their structure will be based on functions with each being led by a Section Manager. The most recent change has occurred within the area of Operations. The functions and responsibilities of Operations include Garbage Collection, Bulk Rubbish Collection, Yard Trimming Collection, Disposal, and Special Operations. The reorganization and reallocation of resources to dedicated facilities is designed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations.

Currently, the Liddell (North Avenue) and Lakewood facilities have been established for the collection of household garbage; the Maddox Park substation has been designated to handle bulk rubbish and yard trimming collection; and the Chester Avenue facility will continue to provide Special Operations services, which includes the "Trash

Troopers" and the unit responsible for distribution of "Herby Curbie" receptacles.

While these structural changes are designed to return Solid Waste Services division to an efficient and effective operation, there are present and future challenges that also must be addressed. Many long hours, much deliberation and hard work has gone into transforming an ailing entity within Atlanta City Government into a premier provider of Solid Waste Services. Deputy Commissioner Owens indicates that it is no longer "business as usual" as she works diligently to forge a team, which is committed to "enriching the quality of life for all Atlantans".



Deputy Commissioner Donna Owens

District 1 Neighborhoods Join Clean-Up



Your Yard Waste Schedules

Are you **confused** about the yard waste pick-up schedule?

We want to take the guess work out of it for you.

Below is the schedule for this year:

If your regular household garbage is picked up on Monday or Tuesday your yard waste will be picked up on the following 2004 schedule

The week of

August	2nd and 16th
September	6th and 20th
October	4th and 18th
November	1st and 15th
December	6th and 20th



If your regular household garbage is picked up on Wednesday or Thursday your yard waste will be picked up on the following 2004 schedule

The week of

August	9th and 23rd
September	13th and 27th
October	11th and 25th
November	8th and 22nd
December	13th and 27th

Free Compost and Mulch in District 1

Councilmember Smith gave the go ahead to restore the "Community Compost Center" for District 1 residents at the Arts Exchange. The center is a community favorite which was closed when the new Administration came in. The center is available for your use daily. A special thanks to Charlotte Cameron at the Arts Exchange, 750 Kalb Avenue.

Development Alive in District 1

Spring has sprung and everywhere you look in the communities of District 1, positive development is going on. If you haven't looked around, I suggest you take an afternoon drive around the district. All over District 1 our communities are growing.

With development comes infrastructure, streetscapes, greenspaces and sidewalks. You may have noticed in the Boulevard Heights community, the Boulevard Park Row Townhomes are underway. The new homes will be three-story attached Townhomes in five buildings, with gated parking and other amenities. A total of 63 one and two bedroom units are planned. Meanwhile off over in Peoplestown, the new Columbia at Peoplestown a beautiful new apartment complex opened in January which adds so much to the

redevelopment of the community as does the new single-family houses springing up along Connally Street, Fern Avenue and Violet Street in Peoplestown. The list goes on to Lakewood Heights, South Atlanta, Thomasville. Summer Hill, Grant Park, Woodland Hills and Ormewood Park.



Pre-Construction Work Continues On Sewer Separation Projects

Pipe inspection and survey work are part of activities

The City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management is aggressively moving forward with plans to separate combined sewers in the Greensferry, McDaniel and Stockade basins as construction crews continue pipe inspection and survey work in all three basins. These consent decree projects, mandated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, are still in the design phase as consultants continue to gather and compile field data.

The data collection and surveying phase for the Stockade Sub-basin is nearly complete as smoke testing and geo-technical work continues in Cabbagetown. The design is approximately 90 percent complete.

The Greensferry basin has been divided into three areas to expedite data gathering and design.

Data gathering activities, photo mapping, utility location, CCTV activities, survey, geotechnical and non-residential building inspection are complete for the entire basin.

The McDaniel basin has also been divided into three project areas. Design engi-

neers are currently finalizing alignments, initiating easement acquisitions and geotechnical reports for microtunneling design and continuing smoke testing of multifamily residential areas.

Lance Clark, director of engineering for the Department of Watershed Management, said that despite the difficult nature of these jobs, the consultants and their subcontractors have risen to the occasion.

"Sewer separation is very unpredictable," Clark said. "The system is very old and in some cases the locations are uncertain, thus the data gathering and field survey stage is very important and essential to the success of the project. They have completed this task without much difficulty and negative impacts. They have done a great job of locating and surveying the sewer lines while interacting with the community."

Sewer separation involves constructing new sanitary or storm sewers within a combined sewer service area. This allows wastewater and stormwater, currently collected in the same pipe, to be collected in separate pipes. Wastewater would be carried to a treatment facility, where pollutants are removed before being dis-

charged to the Chattahoochee River. Stormwater would be collected and discharged directly to local streams.

The final design of all three basins is slated to be completed in November and construction should begin in May 2005. Substantial completion is scheduled for September 2007.

Be Water Wise



1) Never leave the tap running while you brush your teeth. Try using a paper cup of water for rinsing the toothbrush.

2) Take quick showers instead of baths.

3) Install low-flow faucet fixtures and low-flush toilets. Doing so can save you as much as 35 percent on your water/sewer bills.

4) Wash only full loads of clothing and dishes.

5) Learn to read your meter. If it indicates that you are using more water than you think you are using, you may have leaks.

CLEAN WATER DISTRICT 1

District 1 figures prominently in the \$3 billion water and wastewater system overhauls that the City currently is undertaking. The program, mandated by federal consent decrees, has as its goal the elimination of virtually all combined sewer and sanitary sewer overflows.

Combined sewers are sewers that carry both stormwater and sewage. Sanitary sewers carry only the latter. Both can overflow during heavy rains, creating backups that often spill over into streams and rivers. Through a combination of tunnels, new and rehabilitated pipes and upgraded wastewater treatment facilities, Atlanta will enhance the health of the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries, which often feel the effects of those overflows.

The projects fall into two basic categories: CSO or Combined Sewer Overflow Remedial Measures and Sanitary Sewer Overflow Relief.

District 1 also is a part of the Sewer Group 1 for purposes of the City's Sewer System Evaluation Survey, which involves sending a camera through the sewers to determine if and where repairs are needed. That program is currently underway.

Did you know?

You use:

- 15 to 30 gallons of water taking a bath or shower
- 180 gallons watering your lawn
- 15 to 60 gallons washing the dishes
- 30 gallons washing your clothes
- 4 to 7 gallons flushing the toilet

CARLA'S CONSERVATION CORNER

Waste Not Want Not

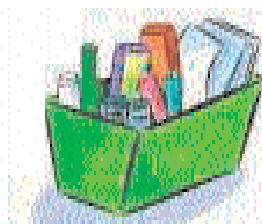
Many of you may know that recycling is very important to me. We must conserve our resources and minimize the amount of waste going into shrinking landfills. Councilmember Ivory Young and myself led a Task Force over the past year to examine options for handling solid waste in Atlanta. You will be able to review findings of the Task Force through your NPU over the summer months.

In January, the City of Atlanta expanded the curbside recycling program. A private vendor currently offers this service to 87,000 private residences.

We encourage you to fully utilize this service in an effort to minimize the waste going into the landfill. Recycling may take a few seconds more to manage but the benefits are long lasting.

Recycling collection coincides with your designated garbage collection day. Below is information regarding, what is recyclable and how to prepare it for curbside pick up;

Commodities Collected Curbside



Steel and Aluminum Cans

All cans should be rinsed before placing them into the Recycling Bin. This prevents contamination of the recycling load. We do not accept cans which previously held hazardous materials. i.e. aerosol or paint cans, nor do we accept scrap metal, hangers or similar items.

Newspapers

Newspaper includes all inserts that arrive in your newspaper. Newspapers should be the last item placed in the Recycling Bin. Please do not place soiled newspapers in the Recycling Bin. This prevents contamination of the recycling load.

Glass Bottles and Jars

Clear, green and brown glass containers. Remove and discard the tops, rinse and drain. Do not break your glass. We do not accept windows, mirrors, ceramics or light bulbs.

#1 and #2 Plastics

Look on the bottom of containers for the number inside the triangle. This includes, soda bottles and milk jugs. Remove and discard caps. Rinse, drain and flatten. We do not accept plastic bags, other plastic products or containers.

Mixed Paper **NEW**

Mixed paper includes any magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper, envelopes, telephone directories and boxboard (cereal, shoe or tissue boxes) place mixed paper in a large envelope or brown kraft paper grocery bag in order to keep it separate from newspaper.

Corrugated Cardboard

Moving and storage boxes. Corrugated boxes are only accepted at the following Drop-Off Locations: 1540 Northside Drive, NW and 128 Claire Drive, SE

CONTACT INFORMATION

For missed collection or to request a new or replacement Bin, please call the Atlanta Recycling Hotline at (404) 792-1212. For other questions or comments please call the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Solid Waste Services, Recycling Division at (404) 330-6293.

District 1 Parks

DL Stanton Park

A new playground is scheduled to be installed in early this summer as a first step in the opening of the park to the public. The play equipment worth \$60,000 is being donated by Resurgens Charitable Foundation and the surfacing is being donated by Turner Foundation.

Restoring Atlanta's Oldest Park

This past fall the Grant Park Conservancy, working with the City of Atlanta Bureau of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs - Parks Design, began a major landscape installation. The Conservancy has pulled other partners into the project including Rick Jones of Jones/Ellas Design, etc., David Dempsey of Viridis Garden Design, David Judd of

Hughes Good O'Leary & Ryan, the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, Rich's/Macy's Partners In Time, Trees Atlanta, Arboguard, Pearlman & Associates Marketing and Public Relations, Site Engineering and more. This project called "Planting for our Future" is an effort to install hundreds of trees, shrubs and perennials in the park in the on-going effort to restore and refurbish Atlanta's oldest public park.

Southbend Park

The project to repair and rebuild the existing lodge is ready to go out for bids. We send a special thank you to the Lakewood Heights residents that help us keep the park safe for everyone.



Neighborhood News



Let's Just Play Atlanta, a Nickelodeon grassroots effort to get kids more physically active and to encourage more positive healthy and playful lifestyles for children came to District 1's Grant Park September 13, 2003.

The Mayor's Chief of staff, Greg Pridgeon and Councilmember Carla Smith, were among those doused with Nickelodeon's signature green slime at the Finish Line Festival. Special guest stars Monica and Jermaine Dupri were on-site to celebrate Let's Just Play with their fellow Atlantans.

Holiday Adopt-A-Senior Program



Carla Receives PEDS Golden Shoe Award



Councilmember Smith was among nine recipients of the PEDS Golden Shoe awards. PEDS, Atlanta's pedestrian advocacy organization recognized Carla for her Pedestrian-Friendly Legislation "for increasing fines for parking on the sidewalks" to a \$50 minimum. Carla is seen above with Sally Flocks of PEDS and Councilmember C.T. Martin.

A Face-Lift Coming to Lakewood Heights

Councilmember Smith and the Department of Public Works met with Lakewood Heights Business owners in December to discuss the city's plans for the new Towncenter Streetscape project. The city has received \$200,000 in federal funds to match Quality of Life Bond funds to complete the \$400,000 project. The improvements will include sidewalks, curb and gutter replacement, the relocation of (obstructing) utilities, and ADA accessible ramps at all intersections. All of the work will be done in the City of Atlanta right-of-way. The construction area includes Lakewood Ave and Jonesboro Road triangle from Rhodesia to Adair Avenues for Coming soon to the Lakewood Heights community is Right of Entry and advertise the project in June for construction to begin sometime in early fall.

